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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 0.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, September 27, 2009**. Consistent rainfall across the state prevented most fieldwork activities for producers. The quality of crops is reported to be deteriorating due to the excess precipitation. Growers will begin assessing damage as weather and field conditions permit. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 24 percent adequate and 75 percent surplus.

| Crop progress for week ending 09/27/09 | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Crop | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Corn, mature | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Corn, harvested | 80 | 79 | 86 | 95 |
| Corn Silage, harvested | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| Cotton, open bolls | 74 | 70 | 86 | 93 |
| Cotton, harvested | 0 | 0 | 7 | 29 |
| Hay-Warm Season, harvested | 93 | 93 | 94 | 94 |
| Peanuts, harvested | 0 | 0 | 19 | -- |
| Rice, mature | 96 | 95 | 95 | 98 |
| Rice, harvested | 29 | 28 | 49 | 76 |
| Sorghum, mature | 100 | 99 | 96 | 99 |
| Sorghum, harvested | 47 | 46 | 76 | 94 |
| Soybeans, turning color | 83 | 78 | 89 | 97 |
| Soybeans, dropping leaves | 59 | 56 | 71 | 91 |
| Soybeans, harvested | 30 | 29 | 39 | 71 |
| Sweet Potatoes, harvested | 25 | 25 | 35 | 43 |

| Crop condition for week ending 09/27/09 | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Item | Very poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Corn | 6 | 17 | 33 | 41 | 3 |
| Cotton | 5 | 11 | 37 | 42 | 5 |
| Hay | 4 | 16 | 21 | 44 | 15 |
| Livestock | 2 | 3 | 25 | 61 | 9 |
| Pasture | 0 | 7 | 26 | 55 | 12 |
| Peanuts | 0 | 10 | 28 | 44 | 18 |
| Rice | 5 | 6 | 35 | 43 | 11 |
| Sorghum | 1 | 3 | 37 | 49 | 10 |
| Soybeans | 6 | 14 | 28 | 41 | 11 |
| Sweet Potatoes | 0 | 10 | 73 | 17 | 0 |

Comments

“We have received rain for more than 10 consecutive days. The quality of cotton, corn, and soybeans that were ready to harvest is deteriorating rapidly. Rice yields will probably be impacted slightly in fields with downed rice caused by the excess rain.”

— Anthony Bland, Tunica

“We have had excess rain for the past two weeks.”

— Shelli Benton, Tate

“Rain amounts across the county have varied from 6 to 10 inches over the last week. Fieldwork has completely stopped and it will take several days of dry weather before we can resume activities.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“Corn seed sprouting in the husk, soybean seed sprouting in the pods, and cotton boll rot were the main concerns of the previous week.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Wet, Wet, Wet. Drier weather will allow late summer hay to be harvested and fall pasture preparation to begin. Cattle are in good condition heading into the winter months. Hay should be plentiful.”

— Richard Hay, Amite

“Farmers are glad to get back in the fields after all the rain we had. Some down rice has begun to sprout and some soybeans are molded. We will see how much damage has occurred as harvest resumes.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“At last, sunshine. Growers will get to harvest today.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Soybeans, cotton...well really just about all crops have suffered a lot due to the wet, rainy conditions for the last two weeks. We haven't missed a rain in a long time. Only time will tell about how this one is going to turn out.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“Rainy weather over the past two weeks is beginning to have its effects. Soybeans are rotting, corn is sprouting on the cob, cotton seed is sprouting in the open bolls, and lots of rice is on the ground and sprouting. Some of the small rivers and drainage ditches are out of their banks and flooding low laying fields.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Area farmers will likely not be able to resume harvesting operations in any of our crops for at least another week due to high moisture and saturated fields. Many fields have sustained severe damage as a result of extended rain period.”

— Ernest Flint , Attala

“The past few weeks’ rainfall has made harvest of anything nearly impossible. With the upcoming 50 degree nighttime temperatures, grass growth will just about stop. Winter forage planting will resume when it dries out.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“GP IV soybeans are rotting and sprouting in the field. We have cotton with weight loss due to rains. Hay quality is down due to delayed harvest. Pastures in great shape due to rains. There is adequate moisture to get stand of ryegrass. Spotty afternoon showers has slowed fieldwork. Not complaining, we needed the rain.”

— Judith Breland, Stone

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| Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 09/27/09 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| Division/Station | Air Temperature | | | | | Precipitation | | | | 4 Inch Soil Temperature | | | Avg Plan Evap |
| | Max | Min | Avg | Norm | DFN | One Week | DFN | Rain Days | Four Weeks | Max | Min | Avg | |
| Upper Delta | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clarksdale | 83 | 58 | 74 | 72 | 2 | 1.65 | 0.95 | 5 | 4.73 | | | | |
| Lambert 1W | 87 | 60 | 76 | | | 1.52 | 0.80 | 7 | 7.16 | | | | |
| Tunica 2N | 86 | 59 | 74 | 71 | 3 | 1.70 | 1.07 | 4 | 6.21 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 87 | 58 | 75 | 72 | 3 | 1.62 | 0.92 | 5 | 6.21 | | | | |
| North-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batesville 2SW | 87 | 58 | 75 | 70 | 5 | 2.81 | 2.04 | 6 | 7.90 | | | | |
| Calhoun City | 85 | 69 | 75 | 71 | 4 | 4.06 | 3.28 | 6 | 7.01 | | | | |
| Hickory Flat | 84 | 55 | 73 | 69 | 4 | 5.78 | 4.90 | 7 | 14.22 | | | | |
| Holly Springs 4N | 86 | 53 | 74 | 68 | 6 | 3.68 | 2.84 | 7 | 8.79 | | | | |
| Independence | 83 | 56 | 73 | 70 | 3 | 2.22 | 1.44 | 6 | 5.57 | | | | |
| Oxford | 86 | 56 | 75 | 70 | 5 | 5.84 | 5.00 | 7 | 11.34 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 87 | 53 | 74 | 70 | 4 | 4.07 | 3.23 | 7 | 9.14 | | | | |
| Northeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Booneville | 82 | 57 | 73 | 69 | 4 | 6.37 | 5.53 | 7 | 13.41 | | | | |
| Corinth 7SW | 83 | 58 | 74 | 71 | 3 | 6.20 | 5.24 | 7 | 12.89 | | | | |
| Tupelo 2 | 83 | 59 | 74 | | | 3.00 | | 7 | 9.75 | | | | |
| Pontotoc Exp Stn | 83 | 58 | 74 | 71 | 3 | 2.99 | 2.03 | 7 | 7.66 | | | | |
| Verona | 85 | 60 | 75 | 71 | 4 | 3.80 | 2.89 | 5 | 9.30 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 85 | 57 | 74 | 70 | 4 | 4.47 | 3.57 | 7 | 10.03 | | | | |
| Lower Delta | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belzoni | 88 | 65 | 77 | 73 | 4 | 2.40 | 1.70 | 4 | 7.47 | | | | |
| Moorhead | 87 | 66 | 76 | 73 | 3 | 1.57 | 0.74 | 6 | 10.95 | | | | |
| Rolling Fork | 88 | 65 | 76 | 73 | 3 | 1.03 | 0.27 | 5 | 5.10 | | | | |
| Yazoo City 5NNE | 88 | 68 | 78 | 74 | 4 | 2.83 | 2.13 | 5 | 6.06 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 88 | 65 | 77 | 73 | 4 | 1.96 | 1.19 | 5 | 7.40 | | | | |
| Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Canton 4N | 89 | 64 | 78 | 73 | 5 | 3.50 | 2.80 | 5 | 5.74 | | | | |
| Eupora 2E | 84 | 60 | 74 | 70 | 4 | 3.90 | 2.99 | 7 | 9.60 | | | | |
| Forest 3S | 88 | 69 | 78 | 72 | 6 | 2.00 | 1.16 | 4 | 6.14 | | | | |
| Kosciusko | 85 | 64 | 76 | 72 | 4 | 5.73 | 4.89 | 7 | 11.42 | | | | |
| Lexington 2NNW | 86 | 70 | 78 | 72 | 6 | 3.08 | 2.38 | 3 | 8.16 | | | | |
| Winona 5E | 85 | 59 | 75 | 68 | 7 | 2.50 | 1.66 | 7 | 8.12 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 89 | 59 | 76 | 72 | 4 | 3.45 | 2.65 | 6 | 9.05 | | | | |
| East-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aberdeen | 87 | 64 | 76 | 71 | 5 | 3.08 | 2.17 | 6 | 9.03 | | | | |
| Columbus | 86 | 68 | 77 | 73 | 4 | 3.24 | 2.43 | 3 | 9.37 | | | | |
| Louisville | 85 | 62 | 75 | 71 | 4 | 7.44 | 6.55 | 5 | 12.35 | | | | |
| Macon | 86 | 68 | 78 | 72 | 6 | 4.54 | 3.75 | 5 | 9.18 | | | | |
| State University | 86 | 61 | 76 | 71 | 5 | 5.11 | 4.31 | 6 | 11.83 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 87 | 61 | 77 | 72 | 5 | 4.68 | 3.84 | 5 | 10.43 | | | | |
| Southwest | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brookhaven City | 87 | 64 | 77 | 73 | 4 | 1.97 | 1.14 | 4 | 3.18 | | | | |
| Crystal Springs Exp | 91 | 65 | 79 | 74 | 5 | 4.25 | 3.24 | 4 | 7.85 | | | | |
| Natchez | 87 | 64 | 77 | 74 | 3 | 1.27 | 0.43 | 5 | 6.11 | | | | |
| Oakley Exp Stn | 92 | 67 | 78 | 73 | 5 | 2.98 | 2.30 | 5 | 5.52 | | | | |
| Port Gibson 1NE | 86 | 63 | 77 | 72 | 5 | 2.86 | 2.05 | 6 | 4.37 | | | | |
| Vicksburg | 86 | 67 | 77 | | | 2.33 | | 4 | 4.44 | | | | |
| Woodville 4ESE | 88 | 71 | 79 | 75 | 4 | 0.97 | -0.21 | 2 | 3.89 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 92 | 63 | 78 | 73 | 5 | 2.38 | 1.53 | 4 | 6.13 | | | | |
| South-Central | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collins | 89 | 66 | 79 | 73 | 6 | 1.70 | 0.75 | 4 | 8.90 | | | | |
| Columbia | 93 | 71 | 83 | 74 | 9 | 2.17 | 1.25 | 3 | 8.10 | | | | |
| Monticello | 93 | 72 | 82 | 73 | 9 | 3.57 | 2.73 | 4 | 7.76 | | | | |
| Raleigh 6N | 89 | 61 | 78 | | | 2.59 | 0.00 | 6 | 5.87 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 93 | 61 | 80 | 74 | 6 | 2.51 | 1.59 | 4 | 7.66 | | | | |
| Southeast | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hattiesburg | 90 | 70 | 80 | 75 | 5 | 1.73 | 0.79 | 5 | 7.60 | | | | |
| Laurel | 91 | 66 | 80 | 73 | 7 | 2.50 | 1.54 | 6 | 8.09 | | | | |
| Newton Exp | 91 | 63 | 79 | 72 | 7 | 2.74 | 1.92 | 4 | 9.24 | | | | |
| Waynesboro 2W | 93 | 71 | 82 | 72 | 10 | 4.08 | 3.07 | 5 | 10.55 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 93 | 63 | 80 | 73 | 7 | 2.76 | 1.82 | 5 | 8.87 | | | | |
| Coastal | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Biloxi | 88 | 72 | 81 | 76 | 5 | 2.20 | 0.97 | 3 | 7.68 | | | | |
| Wiggins | 91 | 56 | 77 | 75 | 2 | 1.87 | 0.66 | 2 | 2.35 | | | | |
| Extreme/Average | 91 | 56 | 79 | 75 | 4 | 2.04 | 0.81 | 3 | 7.68 | | | | |
| State | 93 | 53 | 77 | 72 | 5 | 3.06 | 2.19 | 5 | 8.32 | | | | |

DFN = Departure from Normal.